

## REMARKS

This amendment is being filed to bring the claims into conformance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office practices.

More particularly, claims 1-7 are amended. Applicant reserves the right to pursue subject matter cancelled by this amendment in a continuing application. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicant respectfully request examination of the application on its merits.

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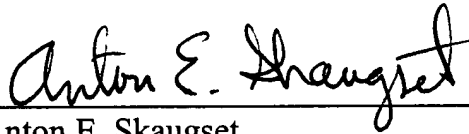
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